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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Jin-Seong YANG Art Unit: 1731
Application No.: 09/734,124 Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez
Filed: December 11, 2000
For: HIGH EFFICIENCY BURNER FOR OVER CLADDING AND
APPARATUS FOR OVER CLADDING LARGE DIAMETER
OPTICAL FIBER

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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I. In response to the Restriction Requirement Action mailed March, 10, 2003 in the above-identified Application, Applicants respectfully select Group II, drawn to a cladding apparatus for an optical fiber. Group II is independent claim 8 and all claims dependent therefrom.

IN THE CLAIMS:

II. Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the burner includes burners bodies arranged between burner covers, said burner bodies are operable independently of each other.